



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

RABBIS:
J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

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קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN

SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

TORAH: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26
MAFTIR Numbers 29:23 - 28
HAFTARAH Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

NEXT WEEK: **BERESHIT**
MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH
TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 1:1 - 6:8
TRIENNIAL Genesis 2:4 - 4:26
HAFTARAH Isaiah 42:5 - 43:10

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership Volunteers**
Want to help a kid feel good about himself?
Want to see a kid's face light up when she gets an idea?

In just one or two hours a week you can make a real difference to an elementary school student. The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership pairs BJ literacy volunteers one-on-one with 1st-4th graders, and math volunteers with 3rd and 4th graders who need just a little extra attention from you to succeed. You will be amazed at the progress these kids can make with your special guidance. Reading/writing sessions are from 8:50-10:40AM on Tuesdays or from 12:10-2:00PM on Thursdays. Arithmetic sessions will be on Thursdays. The Ralph Bunche School is on West 123rd Street just east of Amsterdam Avenue. **Sessions will begin after the High Holy Days, but now is the time to sign up!** Please contact Rory Butler and Ilene Richman at rbspartnership@bj.org or call x261 for more information.

Sukkah at 86th St. Open to the Community:

Friday, October 17 ... 12:30-2:00PM and 6:00-9:00PM
Kiddush following services

Saturday, October 18 12:30-3:30PM
Kiddush following services

Sunday, October 19 6:00-9:00PM

October 17-24, 2008

18-25 Tishrei, 5769

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Shabbat Services

Naming

6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program
Junior Congregation
Children's Services

Community Kiddush
Study with Noam Shany

Men's Havurah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Morning Minyan

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

BJHS CLOSED • BJ OFFICE CLOSSES AT 3:00PM
Hoshanah Rabbah Morning Services

Shemini Atzeret Evening Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Services

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Services

Community Lunch

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Morning Minyan
Frankel Fridays

SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

9:30 AM - 86th St.

Lexi Rose Kaplan

9:30 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall
10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Following Services - 86th St. Sukkah
Following Kiddush - 86th St. Sukkah
(SEE P.2)

6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

9:30 AM - 88th St.

HOSHANAH RABBAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

6:45 PM - 88th St.

SHEMINI ATZERET

SEE P. 4 for a complete listing
of all service times and locations

SIMḤAT TORAH

SEE P. 4 for a complete listing
of all service times and locations
Following Services - 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:30 AM - 88th St.

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:30 AM - 88th St.

10:30 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall
(SEE P.2)

Announcements

MAZAL TOV

- Alissa and Ray Kaplan and their family on the naming of their daughter, Lexi Rose.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Joel and Ulrika Citron.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Valerie Karlbeling and 6th Grade Class, Temple Emanuel, Gaithersburg, Maryland.
- Rabbi Adam Spilker and Post-Confirmation Class, Mount Zion Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- David List and students from Congregation Beth El of the Sudbury Valley, Sudbury, Massachusetts and Hugim High School, Haifa, Israel.
- Rabbi David Spey and congregants, Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, Maryland.

Community Activities

Sukkah Shabbat Teaching

Saturday, October 18, following the Community Kiddush, 86th Street Sukkah: Please join us for a teaching by Noam Shany, an Israeli who will speak about how an Israeli bird watcher and a Catholic priest are battling to save the Amazon.

Community Kiddush and Shabbat Teaching

Saturday, October 25, Please join us for a Community Kiddush in honor of everyone who volunteered during the High Holy Days, and in honor of the new and continuing Bikkur Holim volunteers. Following the Kiddush, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Rabbi Esther Lederman will give a Bikkur Holim teaching. For more information about Bikkur Holim, please contact Yaffa Garber at ygarber@bj.org or at x256.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 19, 4:00–9:00PM, 88th Street: Mark your calendars to donate blood at the next BJ/SPSA Blood Drive. Give the gift of life. This donation doesn't depend on your bank account and is the greatest mitzvah of them all!

Math through music!

Be part of a new six-week program for 3rd and 4th graders to help them learn math while making music. The Ralph Bunche School Partnership will, in addition to its regular math program, be introducing a new component to help students develop their math skills while making music. We're looking for people with basic music skills who are comfortable with numbers (only rudimentary arithmetic skills required). If you can give one hour a week for six weeks, please contact i.richman@att.net for more information.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

Saturday, October 18, 9:30–10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Marcelo and Davey Rosen, BJ's Family Educator, for the first 6th grade B'nai Mitzvah learning program of the year. Open to all 6th grade students (and their parents) who will become bar/bat mitzvah at BJ. For more information, contact Davey Rosen at drosen@bj.org or x244.

Special Sukkot Junior Congregation

Saturday, October 18, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: We hope all children in second to seventh grade will join us at our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. We are also looking for leaders and participants for Junior Congregation. You can sign up on www.bj.org; click on "Families" and then on the date that you want to lead. If you have questions, or would like help learning to lead a prayer, contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243. This Junior Congregation will be followed by Kiddush in the BJ sukkah.

Frankel Fridays

Friday, October 24, 10:30–11:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join families with babies and toddlers for an informal playgroup. We will gather for a light breakfast and some conversation while the children play, and we will conclude with a small Shabbat celebration with challah and juice. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243 with questions.

5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

Saturday, November 1, 9:30–10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Felicia and Davey Rosen, BJ's Family Educator, for the first 5th grade B'nai Mitzvah learning program of the year. Open to all 5th grade students (and their parents) who will become bar/bat mitzvah at BJ. For more information, contact Davey Rosen at drosen@bj.org or x244.

6th and 7th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, November 4, 5:00–6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All of BJ's 6th and 7th graders and their families, no matter where the child receives a Jewish education, are invited to prepare a meal for the guests of the shelter. To R.S.V.P., please contact Davey Rosen at drosen@bj.org or x244.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

Dessert In the Sukkah

Sunday, October 19, 8:00–10:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: Catch up with old friends, meet new faces and feast on delicious desserts in the BJ Sukkah. Whether you've been a member for years, or this is your first BJ event, we look forward to seeing you there! Please R.S.V.P. to Carly at lip-kowitz.carly@gmail.com by October 12 and bring some sweets to share.

Simhat Torah: Pre-Hakafot L'Hayim

Tuesday, October 21, 5:45–6:30PM, 86th Street Board Room: Join Tze'irim for a quick "L'Hayim" before the fun and excitement of the BJ Simhat Torah festivities. We'll meet to mingle, have a L'Hayim (or two), and then head over together to the synagogue for a night of celebration. This is a great way to connect with members of the Tze'irim community! Please R.S.V.P. by October 19 to Abby at abby.volin@gmail.com.

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HAVUROT

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, October 18, 6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Our first gathering was incredible, with over 60 in attendance. We will again have a Shabbat Minḥa experience with some davening, some studying and some schnapps, followed by Havdalah in our sukkah. Please bring your favorite whiskey that you would like to share with everyone. You just have to be male, whether straight, gay, single, married, or in any other self-definition. The Men's Havurah Committee includes Michael Yoeli, Moshe Horn, Chuck Gold, Bob Kanter, Nahum Precel, Jonathan Adelsberg and Marcelo Bronstein. Please respond to ngoodhart@bj.org to let us know you are coming.

Would you like to be published in the weekly KJ?

Many weeks a D'var Torah, written by a member of the BJ community, is published in the weekly *Kol Jeshurun*, posted on the BJ website, www.bj.org, and sent out with the BJ community email. We invite and encourage you to participate in this growing circle of BJ Torah teachers. Consider writing in honor or in memory of a family member or friend, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. No experience necessary! This teaching allows each of us to study the parasha of the week and learn from one another in our community. Please contact Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org for further information.

Upcoming Limud Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and how to register.

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Heshvan

Facilitated by Rabbis Felicia Sol and Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Sunday, October 26 • Time TBA. Celebrate Rosh Hodesh Heshvan with a day trip to the Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Community Mikveh and Education Center in Boston. Opened in 2004, Mayyim Hayyim is a unique center for Jewish spirituality and learning that reclaims the ancient tradition of mikveh and reinvents the rituals of immersion to serve the needs of a diverse 21st century Jewish community. After a tour of the mikveh we will enjoy lunch in the area before returning back to New York. Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for registration details and costs.

• Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow

Mondays (October 27–May 25) • 7:00–9:00PM • BJ Office, Conference Room 1 • Individuals: \$420 members/\$630 non-members; Couples: \$630/\$945. (Although you must enroll for the entire year, tuition may be paid in two installments.) This course offers an overview of the core beliefs, practices, and history of Judaism and the Jewish people. We hope to deepen the understanding of those just beginning to explore Jewish life, or those who would like to be able to participate more fully in the life of the Jewish community. No prior knowledge or experience necessary.

• The Book of Exodus

Rabbi Hillel Friedman

Tuesdays (October 28–May 26) • 8:30–9:30AM • 88th Street • \$100 members/\$150 non-members. Using both traditional and modern commentaries, the class will study the Book of Exodus (in translation). Rabbi Hillel Friedman, a longtime member of our community, has been teaching adult courses at BJ for the past seven years.

• Myth or Reality: Finding Truth in Religious Life

A Class for Tze'irim (20s and 30s)

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

4 Tuesdays (October 28, November 4, 11, 18) • 7:00–9:00PM • Rabbi Sol's home; register for address • Free; registration required. Who wrote the Bible? Was there an Exodus? Does the God of the Torah operate in our world today? Often we are confronted with knowledge and scholarship that contradicts our understanding of Judaism or what we've been taught since we were children. How can religious life hold up to the test of scholarship? How can our mind and our soul not be in conflict? Join as we explore these issues together. Please register early, space is limited.

• Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Wednesdays (October 29, November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10, 17; no class Thanksgiving week) • 6:30–8:00PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. We resume our study of Rabbi Heschel's gigantic work on rabbinic thought in observance of his centennial year. Heavenly Torah, recently translated into English, explores the polarity in Judaism between transcendence and immanence, and between mysticism and rationalism. Please bring the book to class (available in paperback); no photocopies will be distributed. New participants are welcome.

• Parashat Hashavu'a: Study of the Weekly Torah Portion

Ezra Weinberg, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow

Thursdays (October 30–May 28) • 7:00–8:30PM • BJ Office, Conference Room 1 • Free for members/\$150 for the year for non-members. A Hasidic story teaches that Moses wanted to reveal more Torah to the people, but God refused, wanting to give the people a sense that there is something hidden among the words for them to discover. This story's implicit message is that we have the power to reveal the hidden parts of Torah. In this class, as we study the weekly Torah portion with the aid of both ancient and modern interpretations we will reveal its many layers and find ourselves reflected in its stories and teachings.

General Information

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN! If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the Sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** You've attended services, you're inspired by social action, and you love the community... now consider joining BJ as a member! With membership packages for local and out-of-town visitors alike, there is one that is right for you. Special new member orientation included! Visit the BJ website, www.bj.org, or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 or blasky@bj.org for more information.

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the 7:30PM Friday night service, please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged books

may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food is not permitted in the Sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Contact the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary—and please remember to return the devices when you leave.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/schedule.php where you can indicate what days you plan to attend and view how many people have signed up for the current week—and see where our need is greatest.

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Schedule of Services • Sukkot-Simhat Torah 2008/5769

Sukkot

Friday, October 17

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot Evening

88th Street6:00 PM
88th Street7:30 PM

Saturday, October 18

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot Day Services

SPSA 86th Street9:30 AM

Junior Congregation

86th Street Social Hall10:30 AM

Children's Services

SPSA 86th Street Chapel10:45 AM

Kiddush, Sukkah at 86th Streetfollowing Services

Hoshana Rabbah

Monday, October 20

Morning Service

88th Street7:30 AM

Shemini Atzeret

Monday, October 20

Evening Service

88th Street6:45 PM

Tuesday, October 21

Morning Services (Yizkor)

88th Street9:30 AM

Children's Services

88th Street Frankel Hall10:45 AM

Simhat Torah

Tuesday, October 21

Erev Simhat Torah

Family Service

88th Street Frankel Hall6:00 PM

88th Street6:45 PM

Wednesday, October 22

Morning Services

88th Street9:30 AM